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OPC HONORS OUTSTANDING JOURNALISTS FOR ACHIEVEMENTS

By MARY HEMINGWAY

A galaxy of unconventional "firsts" — the OPC Awards winners announced at the annual dinner on April 23 at the Waldorf. For the first time the Army daily, Stars and Stripes, won an award. An American convert to Moslemism, a British photographer and a woman wire service reporter were other "firsts." Posthumously, LIFE magazine received a special citation for "consistent excellence in photographic reporting for the quality, courage and enterprise of Life photographers during the 36 years of its publication."

An exhaustively researched series of articles on the questionable-to-crooked business practices of companies selling pieces of their home-land to G.I.'s stationed abroad earned an eight-man team of The Stars and Stripes the Award for Best Business Reporting, with its \$500 stipend provided by Bache & Co. City Editor Bob Wicker of the European Edition directed the operation, titled "Buying U.S. Land Overseas" which included some 700



Secretary of State William P. Rogers, (left) and OPC President Jack Raymond, at OPC awards dinner.

interviews here and in Europe and photographs of swamp land purporting to be "developments."

The Christian Science Monitor's Moscow bureau chief, Charlotte Salkowski, won the award for best daily

newspaper reporting from abroad with her five-part series from Russia, "Letters to President Nixon." Judges of entries in that category were three fellows headed by Angelo Natale of AP.

Thomas J. Abercrombie, a native Minnesotan who converted to the Moslem religion, was judged 1972's best achiever in photographic reporting/interpretation from abroad with his striking illustrated article, "The Sword and the Sermon" in National Geographic Magazine, and British photographer, Clive W. Limpkin, won the Robert Capa Gold Medal for "superlative still photography from abroad requiring exceptional courage and enterprise" with his book, "The Battle of Bogside" published in the U.S. by Penguin. The book of text and photos emerged from inside the troubles of Northern Ireland. Time, Inc. has agreed to perpetuate the Capa award, which was initiated by LIFE.

Judges for the George Polk Memorial Award recognizing "exceptional

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A HOME AT LAST: 3 WEST 51 TAKES US IN

The Overseas Press Club is on the go again, this time only about 200 yards down the street, to 3 West 51st Street, the building of the Women's National Republican Club.

From about May 16 until December 31, 1973 the OPC has accepted facilities offered by the Women's National Republican Club, in an action by the Board of Governors on April 18.

During this period an OPC committee will review OPC needs and come up with a proposal for a change to other quarters, or, if advisable and feasible, contract with the WNRC for a long-term lease.

The facilities offered by the WNRC include the entire second floor mezzanine of the WNRC building as an OPC Club Lounge, two office rooms, all other lounge and room facilities of the building, with the exception of the Lincoln Room on the 4th floor which will serve as an exclusive WNRC Lounge.



3 West 51st Street

Included in the facilities offered the OPC are the privilege of renting WNRC hotel rooms, when available.

Bar service and a modest luncheon menu, including perhaps one hot item, will be provided by the WNRC in the OPC Club lounge at lunch time. OPC members will have the privilege of the regular WNRC dining room at lunch and dinner, as

part of its recognized access to club facilities.

The OPC will have the privilege of renting the Club's ballroom, George Washington Hall, and other meeting rooms for special events. The rental fees will be nominal, that is, the same charged regular WNRC members.

During the period in which the OPC is housed at 3 West 51st Street, it will have no direct responsibility for catering or bar services.

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Therefore in this trial period, the OPC will furlough all of its staff, following the precedent of the OPC's use of the National Democratic Club facilities in 1971-1972. It will make arrangements to place its SLA license in

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Annual Awards Dinner a Smash

Secretary of State William P. Rogers addressed 650 OPC members and guests — including a goodly number of ANPA members, in town for their annual convention — at the Club's annual Awards Dinner, held this year on April 23 at the Waldor-Astoria.

The Club's special Presidential Award — only the fourth since 1956 — was a cash donation to help find 20 missing journalists, presented by Jack Raymond, OPC president, to the International Committees to Free Journalists Held in Southeast Asia.

Walter Cronkite of CBS News mc'd, Ben Grauer of NBC News handled the OPC awards presentations to winning newsmen selected by Mary Hemingway's Awards Committee, and the entire evening was a smashing success, thanks to Rob Roy Buckingham and his Dinner Committee.

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courage and enterprise" from abroad elected no winner this year. Having perused 19 entries — books, magazine articles, still pictures, TV broadcasts and individual newspaper stories — they agreed that "the courage it takes to go into a war zone is not necessarily 'exceptional.' We did not limit our concept of courage which is undaunted by the dangers which confront us all in the non-physical world." However they awarded citations of excellence to Peter R. Kann of the Wall Street Journal and to John Saar of LIFE.

This year's 37 winners of Awards were chosen from 337 entries submitted, a significant increase over the 264 of last year.

CALENDAR

Thursday, May 3, 6 p.m. — Film preview, "Hitler — the Last Ten Days" 29th floor screening room, 1 Gulf & Western Plaza.

Monday, May 7, 5:30-7:30 p.m. — Last twilight jazz session at Time & Life bldg., featuring Jay Brower's "Broadway Brass."

Wednesday, May 9, 6 p.m. — Salute to the West Regional Dinner. Ranch style menu, 12-oz. shell steaks Western music. Fabulous door prizes including one week all expenses paid Old Baldy Dude Ranch at Saratoga, Wyoming. Dinner \$9.50 per person. Reservations.

Friday, May 11, 5:30? p.m. — Farewell to Time & Life Bldg. Party.

AWARD FOR MISSING JOURNALISTS

A special OPC Presidential Award in the form of a cash donation in behalf of the search for 20 missing newsmen was presented at the annual Awards Dinner to the International Committees to Free Journalists Held in Southeast Asia. OPC President Jack Raymond made the presentation, accepted for the International Committees by officials of the United States Committee: Walter Cronkite, chairman; Peter Arnett, secretary; and Tom Wicker, treasurer.

In making the award, Jack Raymond emphasized that the OPC plans to play an active role with the Committees in pressing for more government and private action in finding the men.

The missing newsmen — most of them believed captured in the spring of 1970 in Eastern Cambodia — include 7 Japanese, 4 Frenchmen, 5 Americans, and a German, Austrian, Australian and Swiss. The International Committees were formed in the U.S., France and Switzerland.

The OPC Presidential Award was established in 1956. The 1973 Award is the fourth to have been given. Other recipients: Endre Marton of the AP in 1956, for his faithful adherence to the highest journalistic code under the most unusual harassment and political pressure; the newsmen of Czechoslovakia in all media, in 1968; Neil A. Armstrong in 1969 for the first reporting from the moon.

INFORMAL DEBATE

The dinner was highlighted by a lively informal debate on freedom of the press between Secretary of State William P. Rogers, the guest speaker, and Walter Cronkite, CBS-TV-News, who was master of ceremonies.

After Rogers' speech, Cronkite said that "it is noteworthy that the International Press Institute for the first time, this year, put the United States on the list of nations with an endangered press." Rogers defended his stand for a strong and free press.

In his formal address to the near sell-out audience, Secretary Rogers spoke out against further reductions in U.S. defense costs, warning that both the Soviet Union and China had increased their armed forces.

BOUQUETS FOR DATELINE

There were nothing but bouquets at the Awards Dinner for Art Milton and Jack Desmond, whose 1973 edition of Dateline is a stunning job. Milton and Desmond were the book's publisher and editor, respectively.

You should know that the cover is a last-minute miracle worked by Ed Fleming. When it was decided right on deadline that the cover subject must be the lost newsmen in Cambodia, Fleming designed and produced a new cover about as fast as it takes to tell you about it. Dateline's story about the lost newsmen, incidentally, puts the number at 19. By the time Fleming was doing his cover, another lost colleague had been found (found to be lost), so the cover count is 20.

ATTENTION FORMER INS'ERS

The ball has begun to roll for a reunion party to mark the 15th anniversary of the merger of International News Service with United Press, May 25. Interested parties are asked to get in touch with Paul R. Allerup at UPI. Phone: MU 2-0400.

COWBOY NIGHT

Wednesday, May 9 — Rex Allen and his Western Men. Outstanding Western Entertainment and steaks. Cocktails, 6. Dinner, 7. Reservations with Mary Novick, 581-8700.

NEW HOME

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abeyance or keeping with the SLA until it is needed again.

Members, guests and employees of the OPC will be expected to abide by the WNRC house rules without exception and will be responsible for paying any damage they may cause the building or its contents.

Any special equipment, such as news tickers, outside telephones, required by the OPC can be installed at OPC expense, subject to the approval of WNRC.

Dues To Be Reduced

Moving to the Republican Club will have a dramatic effect on OPC finances, according to President Jack Raymond. The rent at the new premises will only be \$3,000 a month, compared with present rental in the Time & Life Building of \$10,000 a month.

As a result, the Board of Governors at its April 18 meeting voted to reduce the annual dues from \$200 to \$175, starting with the next dues period in October.

Moving to the new location will not be easy, even though it is only 200 yards away. The OPC has literally tons of equipment, such as furniture, the bar, etc. Much of it will be sold, at special auction days for members and others. Much will have to be put in storage.

The Farewell party, an OPC ritual, will be held on Friday, May 11. Come shed a tear for the Time & Life building, escalator and all, and help drink up our liquor stock.



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LOVE IN BLOOM AT OPC

Today we run a couple of items that belong on the Bulletin's society page, if we had one:

"Judge" Norwood F. Allman, perhaps the OPC's oldest member, took a bride last Dec. 27, the former Mrs. Dorothy Ruth, of Carlisle, Penna., in a civil court at Hagerstown, Md. The



The 'Judge' Allmans

judge is an old China hand, having served as attorney, commercial attache in Peking before the war. Their families have known each other for years, in Hong Kong and elsewhere. They have four sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren between them.

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Two members, the former Mary Lou Holton and Dr. Howard Johnson, were joined in wedlock on March 31 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, New York City. Dr. Johnson, whose Ph.D. degree is in organic chemistry (U. Wis.) was editorial chairman of Chemical Week, now is director of publications for Dominick & Dominick Inc., investment firm.

Mary Lou, a graduate of Rosemont College, writes annual reports and articles for financial magazines. Between them, they ought to know how to make money grow.

NEW OPC PHOTO EXHIBIT

Richard Meek, free lance photographer, who had had more than 45 covers on Sports Illustrated, plus other magazines, will exhibit his work at the Overseas Press Club from May 1 to 15.

For Time-Life Books his credits include those on Greece, West Indies, the United States plus Foods of the World Cook books.

Of special interest he will show his latest prints, which are strikingly different from his traditional work. Some resemble delicate pen and ink drawings while others are more like wood cuts.

TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Mark Weinbaum, editor-in-chief of the Novoye Russkoye Slovo, the oldest daily Russian newspaper outside the Soviet Union, died on March 19, 1973 of a heart attack. He was 82 years young and active to the last.

He was a member of your organization for many years and certainly rallied considerable support behind your noble cause. It does appear very odd that while the New York Times and all syndicated newspapers carried obituary notices of no small size, to date no mention has been made in your newspaper of this member's passing.

Over four hundred people attended his funeral and thousands of letters all attested to the world-wide grief for this beloved and esteemed gentleman and continue to come to his home and office.

I am most proud to be his daughter.
Sonia W. Stern

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HITHER & YON: **Gunther Less**, exec. producer of "Journey to Adventure" back from special assignment in Teheran... **Suzanne Johnson** island-hopped from St. Croix to Jamaica, was among the VIPs viewing annual Cruzan Fiesta with John L. Maduro, V.I. legislature's president. In Jamaica she enjoyed Noel Coward's Round Hill where manager Ian McCluskey red-carpeted the guests, literally, from lobby to beach. All this for her upcoming tome, *The Last Days of Pompey*.

PERIODICALS: **Leonard R. Sussman**, exec. dir. of Freedom House, in current Quadrant, Australian literary quarterly, with "The American Press - Under Siege?" ... Nation's Business April cover story, "Don't Talk Down the American System to Me!" by heavyweight champ George Foreman, ghosted by **Col. Barney Oldfield** of Litton Industries. Foreman a Litton Job Corps trainee. Oldfield alongside & available to him from 1968 Olympics in Mexico City through that Jan. 22, 1973 night in Jamaica when Foreman won the title.

ENVIRONMENT: **Felice Levin's** article on "Historic Conflicts in Conservation Communications" is included in the newly published anthology *Interpreting Environmental Issues*, brought out by Dembar Educational Research Services, Univ. of Wisc.

PRO BONO: **Theodore Berland** running for Alderman of Chicago's 50th Ward (Ted's latest article, "What to Look For in Eyeglasses and Contacts," in March Better Homes & Gardens... Jack Harrison Pollack named chairman of the Society of Magazine Writers' Code of Ethics Committee - to clean up shabby practices in magazine industry. Tell us all, Jack.

CONDOLENCES: To **Mary Franzoni** on the death of her husband Carlo, who will be missed by his many Overseas Yacht Club friends.

'BROADWAY BRASS' TWILIGHT JAZZ MAY 7

One of the most unusual jazz groups in town, "Jay Brower's Broadway Brass"-jazz fugitives from the Broadway pits- will headline the Overseas Jazz Club's twilight jazz session Monday, May 7, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

"Scratch a pit musician," says leader Brower, "and you will find a jazz musician." The eight-piece jazz group has been a show-stopper at The Riverboat and resumes its spotlight there in June.

OBITUARY

Lee Carson Reeves, 51, former INS war correspondent, died April 5 at the Lankenau Hospital, in Overbrook, Penna., after a long illness.

Mrs. Reeves was an INS correspondent from 1943 to 1946. She covered front line combat in the ETO of World War II and was with the U.S. First Army through the Battle of the Bulge to the link-up with Russian forces on the Elbe.

In 1945 she was awarded the INS Medal of Honor for "heroic devotion to duty as an outstanding woman war correspondent" and the National Headliners Club Award for Outstanding Achievement. Before joining INS, Mrs. Reeves was Washington correspondent for the Chicago Sun Times. She was a contributor to Look, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal and Harper's Bazaar.

She is survived by her husband, Jay Reeves, a former CIA officer, and a brother, William M. Carson, of NYC.

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New Members

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